

A STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for conducting an interview with Applicant's representative, Dillon Murphy, on October 7, 2008.

During the interview, Applicant's representative discussed the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejection of claim 9, the prior art, and the instant application. In particular, Examiner Lee suggested removing features in claim 9 referring to "a first material suited to support the fuel cell stack," and "a second material not suited to support the fuel cell stack," to obviate the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection of claim 9.

Additionally, Examiner Lee suggested amending the claims to reflect the cantilevered construction of the current collector, seen in figure 1 of the instant application. Examiner Lee stated the amendment is supported by the specification, would overcome the prior art of record, and additionally stated this feature was tentatively allowable, but that further search and consideration may be indicated.

In the interest of expediting prosecution of the application, and without conceding the propriety of the rejection, Applicant's representative proposes to amend the independent claim to further clarify features of Applicant's claimed subject matter.

Accordingly, Applicant's representative amends the independent claim herein, as discussed during the interview. In view of the amendments and discussion at interview, the Applicant's representative respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.